

## C L A I M S

1. A notifying method of notifying a user of information regarding an apparatus in an information  
5 processing apparatus which can simultaneously provide an environment, as a user session, which can activate a user's desired program to each of a plurality of users, comprising:

an obtaining step of obtaining the information  
10 regarding the apparatus;

a specifying step of specifying the user session which uses a display unit of the information processing apparatus; and

an activating step of activating a display  
15 program for displaying the information obtained in said obtaining step by the user session specified in said specifying step.

2. A method according to claim 1, further  
20 comprising:

a receiving step of receiving existence information showing that the display program has been activated from the display program;

an activation discriminating step of  
25 discriminating whether the display program has been activated or not on the basis of said existence information; and

a transmitting step of transmitting the information obtained in said obtaining step to the display program in accordance with a discrimination result showing that the display program has been  
5 activated.

3. A method according to claim 1, further comprising a step of, if a plurality of display programs have been activated by the user session  
10 specified in said specifying step, finishing one of said plurality of display programs.

4. A method according to claim 1, wherein said display program is a program for displaying  
15 information regarding a print job issued to a printing apparatus or information regarding a status of said printing apparatus.

5. A method according to claim 4, further  
20 comprising:

a user specifying step of specifying the user corresponding to the user session in which the display program has been activated; and

an issuance discriminating step of  
25 discriminating whether the print job of the user specified in said user specifying step has been issued to said printing apparatus or not,

and wherein if it is determined that said print job is not issued, said display program is not activated.

- 5           6. A method according to claim 1, further comprising:

          a necessity discriminating step of discriminating whether the information is information which needs to be displayed or not on the basis of  
10   said information obtained in said obtaining step,  
          and wherein the display program is activated by the user session specified in said specifying step in accordance with a discrimination result showing that the information is the information which needs to be  
15   displayed.

7. A method according to claim 1, further comprising:

          a condition obtaining step of obtaining  
20   condition information in which conditions in which the information regarding the apparatus is displayed and conditions in which said information is not displayed have been described;

          a status discriminating step of discriminating  
25   whether the apparatus is in a status where it is necessary to display the information regarding the apparatus or not on the basis of said condition

information and the information obtained in said obtaining step; and

a step of finishing the display program in accordance with a discrimination result showing that  
5 the apparatus is not in said status.

8. A method according to claim 1, further comprising:

a condition obtaining step of obtaining  
10 condition information in which conditions in which the information regarding the apparatus is displayed and conditions in which said information is not displayed have been described; and

a necessity discriminating step of  
15 discriminating whether it is necessary to display the information regarding the apparatus or not on the basis of said condition information and the information obtained in said obtaining step,

and wherein if it is determined that it is  
20 unnecessary to display the information regarding the apparatus, the display program does not display the information obtained in said obtaining step.

9. A notifying method of notifying the user of  
25 information regarding a printing apparatus in an information processing apparatus which can simultaneously provide an environment, as a user

session, which can activate a user's desired program to each of a plurality of users, comprising:

a step of transferring a print job formed by a first information processing apparatus to the  
5 printing apparatus via a second information processing apparatus;

an obtaining step of obtaining the information regarding the printing apparatus;

a discriminating step of discriminating whether  
10 the information obtained in said obtaining step is information which needs to be displayed onto a display unit of said second information processing apparatus or not;

a specifying step of, if it is determined that  
15 the information is the information which needs to be displayed, specifying the user session which uses the display unit of said second information processing apparatus; and

an activating step of, if it is determined that  
20 the information is the information which needs to be displayed, activating a display program for displaying the information obtained in said obtaining step by the user session specified in said specifying step.

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10. A method according to claim 9, further comprising a transmitting step of transmitting the

information obtained in said obtaining step to at least one of the display programs activated by said first information processing apparatus and said second information processing apparatus.

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11. An information processing apparatus which can simultaneously provide an environment, as a user session, which can activate a user's desired program to each of a plurality of users, comprising:

10       obtaining means for obtaining information regarding an apparatus;

          specifying means for specifying the user session which uses a display unit of said information processing apparatus; and

15       activating means for activating a display program for displaying the information obtained by said obtaining means in the user session specified by said specifying means.

20       12. A computer-readable memory medium which stores a program for controlling a computer which can simultaneously provide an environment, as a user session, which can activate a user's desired program to each of a plurality of users, wherein said control  
25       program allows the computer to execute:

          an obtaining step of obtaining information regarding an apparatus;

a specifying step of specifying the user session which uses a display unit of said computer; and

- an activating step of activating a display
- 5 program for displaying the information obtained in said obtaining step by the user session specified in said specifying step.